(a) whether it is a fact that bio-diesel is being produced in large scale in the country;

(b) if so the number of units engaged in its production so far along with their production capacity;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the product of said units is being exported;

(d) if so, the percentage of products being exported out of the total production; and

(e) the percentage of this product being utilized in our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) As per the information available, Statement on production/export of bio-diesel is enclosed.

Statement

Details of production export of bio-diesel

Sl. No.	Name of Industry	Capacity of bio-diesel plant	Year of Commiss-ioing	Location	Total quantity of bio-diesel production
1.	HPCL	300 liter/day	2007	R&D Centre, Vashi	Not for commercial production
2.	Nova Biofuel	10,000 tonne/ annum	July, 2007	Vill. Rajapur, Panipat	400 ton
3.	Natural Bio-energy	100000 TPA	29th April, 2008	Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh	20400 MT*
4.	Tinna Oils & Chemicals Ltd.	50 Tons per day	Feb. 2007	Latur, Maharashtra	1000 MT till Oct. 2008 from commissioning
5.	Reliance Industries	6500 TPA	N.A.	Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh	--

* Natural Bio-energy Limited has exported 9188 MT of bio-diesel to Europe as per information provided by them on 6th November 2008.

Decline in international crude oil price

†1652. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on an average the per barrel crude price of the Indian basket in the international market in the months of July, August and September, 2008 has been 132.47 dollar, 113.05 dollar and 96.81 dollar respectively;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) if not, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this average price has gone further down in October, 2008;

(d) if so, the average price thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the monthly bills of crude oil importing companies has gone down during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL): (a) to (d) The month-wise average price of Indian Basket of crude oil, from July '08 to October '08, is given below:

	($ per barrel)
July, 2008	132.47
August, 2008	113.05
September, 2008	96.81
October, 2008	69.12

Note: The composition of Indian Basket of crude represents average of Oman and Dubai for Sour Grades and Brent (Dated) for Sweet Grade in the ratio of 62.3 : 37.7

(e) The details of monthly crude oil import bill of the oil companies are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of monthly Crude Oil Import Bill of the Oil Companies 2008-09 (July-October, 2008)

	July, 2008			August, 2008			September, 2008			October, 2008		
	Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value	
	TMT*	Million US$	Rs. crore	TMT*	Million US$	Rs. crore	TMT*	Million US$	Rs. crore	TMT*	Million US$	Rs. crore
IOC	4263	4092	17425	4141	3864	14875	3773	2554	12168	4089	2025	10125
BPC	1135	1098	4667	1218	1014	4410	1052	745	3462	1209	646	3232
HPC	1207	1160	4952	1109	957	4213	1075	824	3834	1099	623	3003
MRPL	906	868	3718	902	758	3253	825	588	2678	904	466	2265
PSU	**7511**	**7218**	**30762**	**7370**	**6593**	**26751**	**6725**	**4711**	**22142**	**7301**	**3760**	**18625**
RIL	3233	2908	12378	2359	1824	7963	2482	1695	7871	2777	1457	7124
EOL	1190	1146	5000	1147	992	4281	1059	787	3500	1286	869	3476
Pvt.	**4423**	**4054**	**17378**	**3506**	**2816**	**12244**	**3541**	**2482**	**11371**	**4063**	**2326**	**10600**
TOTAL :	**11934**	**11272**	**48140**	**10876**	**9409**	**38995**	**10266**	**7193**	**33513**	**11364**	**6086**	**29225**

* TMT - Thousand metric tonne